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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 September 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/26/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-15 are presented for examination; claims 1, 5, and 11 independent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The rejection under this heading is withdrawn in light of the amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Berman (USPN 5,754,831, which incorporates by reference, see col. 5, lines 15-20, Application no. 08/641,599, now Patent no. 5,845,124, also to Berman, hereinafter '124).

3. Berman discloses a telecommunications method comprising:
defining one or more system components as corresponding distributed modules (i.e. network elements 310-340 being defined as associated data records representing the network elements) using a module definition language (the Office construes the phrase "module definition language" as any text, script, program, etc. which can be utilized in order to simulate, emulate, or model a particular element) (i.e. defining network elements) (col. 6, line 50 to col. 7, line 9 and also disclosed in Application no. 08/641,599, Patent no. 5,845,124: col. 2, lines 20-29);

defining one or more system parameters (i.e. characteristics of network elements) for said one or more system components) (col. 6, line 50 to col. 7, line 9);

implementing the function defined for the system component (i.e. "as message traverses network model, it experiences mathematically computed delays") (col. 8, line 51 to col. 9, line 13); and

logging a result of said implementing (i.e. "a timestamp is again generated...an average timestamp is determined") (col. 8, line 51 to col. 9, line 13).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berman.

5. Referring to claims 3 and 4, Berman discloses the invention substantively as described in claim 1. Berman does not explicitly state that the predetermined functions include CPU load and delay, however it is well known for modeling purposes that CPU functionalities can be implemented in a modeling environment. By this rationale, "Official Notice" is taken that both the features and advantages of providing for modeling CPU load and delay is well known and expected in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the system of Berman in order to model

parameters of the CPU of the various networking elements since Berman discloses that the parameters can include element speeds, capacities, or *any suitable measurable characteristics of the same* (col. 6, lines 57-60). This would motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to include these modeling parameters in the system of Berman in order to implement a more efficient system customizable to the user.

Claims 2, and 5-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berman in view of Takahashi et al. (USPN 7,031,895) (hereinafter Takahashi).

6. Referring to claim 2, Berman discloses the invention substantively as described in claim 1. Berman does not explicitly state that the defining steps are implemented on a plurality of systems. In analogous art, Takahashi discloses another telecommunications method which implements defining components and defining functions are implemented on a plurality of systems (i.e. multiple model generators 51a-c implemented in networks a-c) (Figure 8; col. 15, lines 4-21). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Takahashi with Berman in order to provide simulations based on actual results of the network rather than arbitrary values assigned by the user, thereby providing a real basis for the network simulation and providing more reasonable results for the network model.

7. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

8. Referring to claim 7, Berman-Takahishi discloses the invention substantively as described in claim 6. Berman-Takahishi does not explicitly disclose that the model definition language is an XML-based model definition language, however XML model definition language, however XML is a well known markup language which is known for simulation. By this rationale, "Official Notice" is taken that both the concepts and advantages of using XML based model definition language as the model definition language is well known and expected in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the system of Berman-Takahishi to implement XML based modeling language in order to provide an efficient method of implementation of modeling and simulation, which can be easily extensible to model further parameters of the device.

9. Claims 8-11 are rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

10. Referring to claim 12, Berman (Patent no. 5,845,124 incorporated by reference) discloses a directory defining a name and parameters of other modules being modeled by the system which a given model needs to work with (i.e. define interconnections between network elements that are visually implied but not explicitly shown) (Berman '124, Figure 4; col. 8, lines 15-25). Furthermore Takahashi discloses the use of a path appliance list which defines the list of elements within the path (e.g. abstract).

11. Referring to claim 13, Berman discloses a loop module for modeling a non-real time component (Berman, Patent no. 5,845,124 incorporated by reference into Berman discloses modeling a client machine session which conducts 5 transactions a minute, thereby looping and issuing a new transaction every twenty seconds: Fig. 9A, attributes 900).

12. Claims 14 and 15 are rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

Response to Arguments

13. Applicant's arguments filed September 25, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

14. In the remarks, Applicant argues, in substance, that (1) the Examiner's definition of a module definition language is overly broad, and (2) Berman does not disclose defining the elements as modules.

15. As to point (1), it is the position of the Office to interpret the claims as broadly as possible within the scope of one of ordinary skill in the art. As such, absent from any explicit definition found in the specification, any terms will be given their broadest reasonable interpretation. With this in mind, the term "module definition language" has been defined as "any text, script, program, etc. which can be utilized in order to simulate, emulate, or model a particular element" (see rejection above). This is a

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reasonable interpretation of the claim and commensurate with one of ordinary skill in the art would interpret the phrase "module definition language" to mean. Applicant provides that a "module definition language" would be, for example XML (response, page 6), however this is merely an example of what Applicant believes is a "module definition language", and is not an explicit definition found within the specification. As such, no definition of the phrase "module definition language" can be found within the specification and therefore the interpretation given by the Examiner has been used, in which Berman clearly meets the claimed invention. By this rationale, the rejection is maintained

16. As to point (2), Applicant is incorrect. Applicant's should review the cited portions of Berman and '124 which states "creating a set of associated data records representing the network elements within the network model" ('124: col. 2, lines 20-25). This clearly meets the claimed "distributed modules" of claim 1 and the other independent claims. By this rationale, the rejection is maintained.

Conclusion

17. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Applicant has failed to seasonably challenge the Examiner's assertions of well known subject matter in the previous Office action(s) pursuant to the requirements set forth

under MPEP §2144.03. A "seasonable challenge" is an explicit demand for evidence set forth by Applicant in the next response. Accordingly, the claim limitations the Examiner considered as "well known" in the first Office action are now established as admitted prior art of record for the course of the prosecution. See *In re Chevenard*, 139 F.2d 71, 60 USPQ 239 (CCPA 1943).

18. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

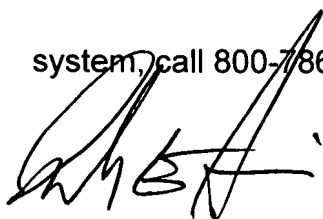
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph E. Avellino whose telephone number is (571) 272-3905. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00-4:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A. Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Joseph E. Avellino, Examiner
September 29, 2007